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SUBJECT: US ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD AFRICA

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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL RESPONSE TO STATE REFTEL. IN FOLLOW-UP, WE WILL BE SENDING A SMALL TEAM TO SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IVORY COAST, TO OBTAIN MORE MATERIAL FOR SENIOR LEVEL REVIEW OF ECONOMIC POLICIES TOWARD AFRICA. DEPARTMENT FULLY APPRECIATES BURDEN THIS LATE NOTICE PLACES ON POST. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETINGS, ACCOMMODATIONS, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK OFFICIALS -- IF POSSIBLE, INCLUDING KWAME FORDWOR -- ON GENERAL PROBLEMS AND PRIORITIES IN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIFICALLY ON PROBLEMS OUTLINED REFTEL, INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AND FINANCING GAPS, MANPOWER CONSTRAINTS, ENERGY NEEDS AND POTENTIAL EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION IN EXPORTS. WE

WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE BANK'S AND FUND'S OWN FUNDING PRIORITIES, CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING REGIONAL OR MULTI-NATION ACTIVITIES. FINALLY, ALSO WISH TO TOUCH ON BHN OPERATIONAL ISSUES, EXTENT OF DONOR COORDINATION, AND MOST CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY CONSTRAINTS ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. IF TIME PERMITS, WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH IBRD RES REP TO DISCUSS IBRD ACTIVITIES IN WEST AFRICA.

2. CAROL LANCASTER (S/P) AND MALCOLM BUTLER (AID, DAA/IIA) WILL ARRIVE ABIDJAN 1125 JULY 17 VIA RK 106 AND DEPART 0915 JULY 19 VIA PA 188. PLEASE ARRANGE MEETINGS DURING THIS TIME AT BANK OFFICIALS' CONVENIENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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